IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Said~~ A shifting device ~~(1)~~ for transmitting shift commands to a motor vehicle transmission, ~~with~~ the shifting device comprising:

[[-]] a ~~housing (2) and/or a frame,~~ housing/frame support structure;

[[-]]a ~~said~~ selector lever ~~(4), which transmits~~ for transmitting shift commands to the motor vehicle transmission[[,]];

[[-]]a ~~said~~ hand knob ~~(3), which forms~~ forming a gripping ~~possibility~~ surface for engagement by a ~~the~~ hand of a ~~motor vehicle~~ driver of the motor vehicle[[,]] ;

[[-]] a switch ~~(5a),whereby the said~~; and

an adapter mounted at said selector lever said having said switch integrated therewith, said adapter defining a connection between said selector lever and said hand knob, the shifting device ~~(1)~~ [[is]] being provided for installation in a motor vehicle, ~~and a said~~ wherein a shifting gate is pushed over said selector lever ~~(4) preferably after installation of said shifting device (1),~~

~~**characterized in that** a adapter (7) mounted at said selector lever (4) is provided for said hand knob (3) with said integrated switch (5a), which forms a connection point between said selector lever (4) and said hand knob (3)~~.

2. (Currently Amended) A shifting device in accordance with ~~the above~~ claim 1, ~~**characterized in that**~~ wherein said switch integrated ~~switch (5a) is suitable~~in said adapter includes means for transmitting electrical and/or optical signals.

3. (Currently Amended) A shifting device in accordance with ~~one of the above claims 1 and 2~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein said adapter ~~(7)~~ has a switch interface ~~(10)~~ for a connection cable.

_____4. (Currently Amended) A shifting device in accordance with ~~one of the above claims 1 through 3~~ claim 1, **~~characterized in that~~** further comprising a line for transmitting electrical and/or optical signals wherein [[the]] said adapter [[(7)]] has at least one said recess [[(8a),]] in which said line is disposed. ~~lines (6), which are used for transmitting electrical and/or optical signals, can be laid.~~

_____5. (Currently Amended) A shifting device~~-~~ in accordance with ~~one of the above claims 1 through 4~~ claim 1, **~~characterized in that~~** wherein [[the]] said adapter has a [[said]] switch display part ~~exposed to view (5)~~.

_____6. (Currently Amended) A shifting device in accordance with ~~one of the above claims 1 through 4~~ claim 1, ~~**characterized in that** the said hand knob (3) has,~~ further comprising a [[said]] switch display part ~~exposed to view (5).~~

_____7. (Currently Amended) A shifting device in accordance with ~~one of the above claims 1 through 6, **characterized in that** the~~ claim 1, wherein said adapter [[(7)]] has at least one [[said]] guide element [[(9)]] for positioning said hand knob [[(3)]].

_____8. (Currently Amended) A shifting device in accordance with ~~one of the above claims 1 through 7, **characterized in that** the~~ claim 1, wherein said adapter [[(7]] has a boring, into which said selector lever [[(4)]] can be at least partially inserted.

_____9. (Currently Amended) A shifting device in accordance with ~~one of the above claims 1 through 8, **characterized in that** the~~ claim 1, wherein said adapter [[(7)]] has a screwable connection for fastening at [[the]] said selector lever [[(4)]].

_____10. (Currently Amended) A shifting device in accordance with ~~one of the above claims 1 through 8, **characterized in that** the~~ claim 1, wherein said adapter [[(7)]] has a clippable connection for fastening at said selector lever [[(4)]].

_____11. (Currently Amended) A shifting device in accordance with ~~one of the above claims 1 through 8, **characterized in that** the~~ claim 1, wherein said adapter [[(7)]] has a plastic molding, which is injection-molded on the selector lever ~~in the~~ via an injection molding process.

12. (New) A shifting device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said adapter has an actuator button part connected to said switch.

13. (New) A shifting device in accordance with claim 12, wherein said hand knob

has an opening for access to said actuator button part.

14. (New) A shifting device in accordance with claim 13, wherein said actuator button part also comprises a switch display part.

15. (New) A shifting device for transmitting shift commands to a motor vehicle transmission, the shifting device comprising:

a support structure;

a selector lever connected to said support structure, said selector lever for transmitting shift commands to the motor vehicle transmission;

an adapter mounted at said selector lever said adapter having an integrated switch;

a hand knob forming a gripping surface for engagement by a hand of a driver of the motor vehicle driver; said adapter defining a connection between said selector lever and said hand knob, the shifting device being provided for installation in a motor vehicle, wherein the diameter of the selector lever and the adapter is smaller than a shift gap defined by side edges of a shift gate whereby the shift gate is passed over said selector lever and said adapter.

16. (New) A shifting device in accordance with claim 15, wherein said integrated switch includes means for transmitting electrical and/or optical signals and has a switch interface for a connection cable.

17. (New) A shifting device in accordance with claim 16, wherein said connection cable has a line for transmitting electrical and/or optical signals wherein said adapter has at least one recess in which said line is disposed.

18. (New) A shifting device in accordance claim 15, wherein said adapter has at least one guide element for positioning said hand knob.

19. (New) A shifting device in accordance with claim 15, wherein said adapter has a part with at least one of an actuator button part and a switch display part connected to said switch.

20. (New) A shifting device in accordance with claim 19, wherein said hand knob has an opening for access to said at least one of an actuator button part and a switch display part connected to said switch.